(b) whether it is a fact that the Staff, Lecturers and Professors of the former Manipur Agricultural College before the merger with the Central Agricultural University are not taken as university staff and not enjoying the scale of university; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICUL TURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir, as per the Project Report for Establishment of Central Agricultural University for North Eastern Hill Region-1990, the following disciplines are proposed to be started in M.Sc. programmes; Genetics & Plant Breeding, Plant Pathology, Agronomy, Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural economics and Statistics, Agriculture Extension. However, Social Science, Extension Education and Animal Husbandry as a separate subject for Post-graduate classes have not been proposed.

(b) No, Sir. The Staff, lecturers and professors of Manipur Agriculture i College have been taken as Central Agricultural University Staff. The Assistant Prof., Associate Prof, and Professor of the College, Central Agricultural University are being paid salary as per grade of University Grant Commission which is also prescribed by the ICAR. For non teaching staff of the College of Agriculture, salaries are being paid as per the provisions of Ordinance No. 2 of 1995 issued with the approval of the Central Government. Besides, they are also being paid dearness allowance, interim relief, bonus, etc. as per Central Govt: rules.

(c) Docs not arise.

Role of Agricultural Costs and races Commission

3657. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the role of the Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission with regard to fixing prices of cereals;

(b) whether the Commission is functioning properly;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are ignoring the rscommcndations of the Commission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICUL TURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The role of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) is to make recommendations to the Government on a agricultural price policy on a continuing basis. The Commission is required to evolve "a balanced and integrated price structure to meet the overall needs of the economy and with due regard to the interests of producers and consumers.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The recommendations of the CACP serve as the basis for formulating the agricultural price policy and these are generally accepted. However, the Government at times improves upon the recommendations made by the CACP keeping in view the developments taking place after submission of the report.

ड्रिप सिंचाई योजना के अंतर्गत राज्यों के वर्गीकरण हेतु मानदंड

3658. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय :**
श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

क्या ड्रिप सिंचाई योजना के अंतर्गत विभिन्न राज्यों को विभिन्न श्रेणियों में रखा गया है, यदि हां, तो यह वर्गीकरण किस आधार पर किया गया है;

(क) क्या इस वर्गीकरण से पूर्व संबंधित राज्यों से परामर्श किया गया था और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) क्या मध्य प्रदेश को "सी" श्रेणी में रखे जाने के कारण इस राज्य के किसानों से "बी" श्रेणी में रखे गए राज्य की तुलना में 25 प्रतिशत अधिक प्रभार लिया जा रहा है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या ये आरोप न्यायोचित हैं; और

(घ) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने राज्य को "बी" श्रेणी में रखे जाने का अनुरोध किया है; यदि हां तो इस पर क्या कर्रवाही की गई है?

कृषि मंत्री खाद्य मंत्री तथा नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री चतुरानन मिश्र) : (क) जी, हां । ड्रिप सिंचाई योजना के अंतर्गत राजसहायता वितरण के लिए राज्यों को तीन श्रेणियों, क, ख और ग में रखा गया है । राज्यों का वर्गीकरण किसानों में जागरूकता के स्तर, राज्यों की ड्रिप विनिर्माता कम्पनियों से निकटता और राज्यों में ड्रिप सिंचाई की सम्भावना के आधार पर किया जाता है ।

(ख) वर्गीकरण एक समिति जिसमें राज्यों, ड्रिप विनिर्माता संघ और "कृषि में प्लास्टिक का प्रयोग" संबंधी राष्ट्रीय समिति के प्रतिनिधि थे, की सिफारिशों के आधार पर किया गया ।

(ग) जी, नहीं । मध्य प्रदेश "ग" श्रेणी में है और "ख" श्रेणी वाले राज्य की तुलना में वहां मूल्य का अन्तर 10 प्रतिशत तक है ।

(घ) विभिन्न श्रेणी में राज्यों के वर्गीकरण से ड्रिप घटकों का अधिकतम मूल्य निर्धारित होता है जिससे ऊपर विनिर्माता अधिक मूल्य नहीं ले सकता है । यह विचार है कि बाजार में प्रतिस्पर्धा से कुछ समय के उपरान्त घटकों की कीमतें कम होंगी ।

(ड) जी हां । राज्यों के विभिन्न श्रेणियों के अंतर्गत पुनःवर्गीकरण का मामला एक समिति को भेजा गया है । इस समिति के सदस्य राज्यों, राष्ट्रीय कृषि एवं ग्रामीण विकास बैंक, "कृषि में प्लास्टिक के प्रयोग" की राष्ट्रीय समिति और भारत सरकार से लिए गए हैं ।

Formulation of National Farm Policy

3659. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:
SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring out a National Farm Policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be placed on the Tabic of the House?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) A Draft Agriculture Policy Resolution prepared by the Government was discussed in a meeting of State Agriculture Ministers held at New Delhi on 19th Feb., 1997. The major thrust of the draft Resolution is on:—

(i) removal of regional and crop imbalances;

(ii) increase in investment in the agriculture sector;

(iii) grant of facilities to agriculture as are-available for industry without the regulatory and tax collection mechanism of the industrial sector;

(iv) making available inputs at rcsonable rates to the farmers in the proximity of their fields;

(v) easy availability of credit at rcsonablc rates of interest to the farmers;

(vi) human resource development;

(vii) focus on agricultural research; and

(viii) relaxation of controls in agriculture sector.

The draft Resolution is under finalisation keeping in view the suggestions made in the Conference.